

Tropic Wonders Fascinate Film Fans At Chinese

Mighty "King Kong" the Last Word in Jungle Thrillers

In keeping with the new Graumanesque policy of shorter engagements and lower prices, "King Kong," the super thriller of beauty and the beast, will end its run in ten days at Grauman's Chinese theatre. Closing date has been set at Thursday, April 13, and never again will the production be shown with Sid Grauman's jungle prologue.

The prologue is a black and white revue with such Caucasian stars as Jimmy Savo, ace comedian of George White's Scandals; and Earl Carroll's Vanities; Gloria Gilbert, hailed as America's premiere danseuse; and Serge Flash, the king of the jugglers. Chilton and Thomas, dusky dancers, late stars of the Harlem night club's and Al Jolson's "Wunderbar" headline the Afro-American features of the prologue, which includes 50 Creole belles, hailed as sinuous siren sirens, and 50 dark-tanned dudes, the last word in sartorial elegance. From Africa to Central avenue is the title Grauman gives his show.

Sid Grauman has created a veritable tropical wonderland in the forecourt with exhibits comprising a miniature world's fair. Corpulent flamingos from Africa and penguins from the south and whole families of rare species of monkeys chatter a noisy welcome to visitors. Several nursing baby monkeys are on display with their mothers.

Kong himself, the gigantic 50-foot mechanical ape star of the picture, is there in person and also a weird creature that keeps the crowds guessing as to whether he is a human or a simian. Gin Chow, celebrated Chinese philosopher and weather forecaster, greets his admirers and makes prognostications as to future meteorological events before each performance.

Allocate Cash For Right of Way

Allocation of \$250 for the acquisition of right-of-way for the improvement of Normandie avenue between Riverside-Redondo boulevard and San Pedro street, within the city of Gardena, was made Monday by the board of supervisors.

The money is to be paid to the city of Gardena upon demand by the supervisors, but the negotiations must be completed within 60 days, the resolution specifies.

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PLEADS FOR MERCY



Fredric March, as Prefect of Rome, pleads before Nero, played by Charles Laughton, for the lives of the Christians ordered slain for making "The Sign of the Cross." Claudette Colbert, as Poppaea, cruel wife of Nero, is determined, however, that they should die. This picture will be shown tonight, Friday and Saturday at the Torrance Theatre.



A Scene From "42nd Street" Which starts a four day engagement at the Fox Redondo Theatre Saturday, April 8th.

Supervisors Will Visit Boulder Dam

Supervisor John R. Quinn of this district and the other four members of the board will make another inspection of Boulder dam Saturday, April 8, of this week, by invitation of the officials of Six Companies, Inc., contractors. The board accepted the invitation tendered through Supervisor Hugh A. Thatcher, chairman of the flood control committee, this week.

The board members will leave Los Angeles early Friday morning, arriving at Los Vegas that night, and making the trip to the dam site Saturday morning. They will return Sunday.

Rail Rate Slashed For Easter Travel

A four-day program of dollar day train rides, featuring round-trip fares of approximately one cent a mile, has been announced by the Southern Pacific Company for the Easter period, April 13 to 16.

The travel bargains will extend over the company's lines in the territory from San Francisco to Ogden and Salt Lake City, and from Portland to El Paso and New Mexico stations, according to word received here.

With April 25 as the return limit, excursionists will have ample time for long-distance trips, it was pointed out.

"Sign of the Cross" Marks Return of Epic Spectacle

Lavish Production Reaches Daring Climax In Roman Arena Scenes—March, Landi, Colbert Head Stellar Cast

Escapes With Girl



The Lion Man, played by Buster Crabbe, Olympic swimming champ who won the starring role in "King of the Jungle" in a nationwide competition, with Frances Dee, in a scene from the picture, which opens Sunday at the Torrance Theatre.

BUNGALOWS REMOVED TO LOS ANGELES SITE

Removal of two bungalows from the Fern avenue school in Torrance to the Seventy-ninth street school in Los Angeles has been completed by the Star House Movers, Inc., according to a notice of completion filed with the county recorder this week.

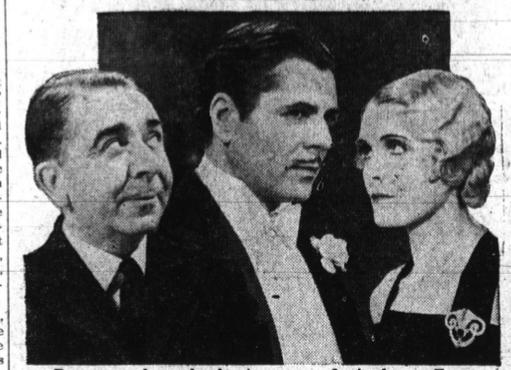
Cecil B. DeMille's magnificent spectacle, "The Sign of the Cross," begins its local engagement tonight and will continue Friday and Saturday at the Torrance Theatre. Spectacle on a monumental scale, including a whole panoramic picture of Rome under the reign of Nero; a dynamic story of elemental events crowded into the space of 48 hours; a series of performances of sheer brilliance! It is no wonder that audiences here, as well as all over the country, are cheering DeMille's achievement.

The spectacular type of film, such as DeMille himself made famous in the silent days, is one of the screen's finest contributions to entertainment. No other medium has the scope and variety of the camera. Now with the addition of sound, the great director has been able to surpass all his past efforts.

"The Sign of the Cross" is first and foremost a spectacle of pagan Rome, reaching its fullest expression in a Roman holiday at the Circus Maximus, where the gladiatorial contests and all the brutal games that delighted Nero served as a prelude to the sacrifice of the Christians to the lions. But it is also a dramatic story of Christian persecution, and a tenderly beautiful love story of a Christian girl and a Roman patrician, whose roles are played with rare beauty by Elissa Landi and Fredric March.

It is Charles Laughton's Nero, however, which is not only the outstanding characterization of the film, but one of the memorable characterizations of all times. Here is acting that approaches genius. Claudette Colbert, too, as the Empress Poppaea, gives a performance of remarkable depth and power.

Romantic Screen Star At His Best In "Dangerously Yours"



Romance and comedy play important roles in the new Fox production, "Dangerously Yours," with Warner Baxter and Miriam Jordan taking care of the former, and the irrepressible Herbert Mundin attending to the latter.

Warner Baxter, popular screen star, is at his suave, romantic best in "Dangerously Yours," his latest Fox Film production coming next Tuesday and Wednesday to the Torrance Theatre. In the role of charming society jewel thief, Baxter makes it seem almost a pleasure to be robbed.

Miriam Jordan, who made her screen debut opposite Baxter in "Six Hours to Live," is again his leading lady in this picture, and has the role of a girl detective who sets out to trap the fascinating Robin Hood, only to discover that she herself has been ensnared by her affections.

Herbert Mundin, popular comedian who has come rapidly to the front in a number of Fox pictures during the past year, also has a prominent role. He is Baxter's partner in crime although he masquerades as his man-servant. Florence Eldridge, Florence Rob-

erts, Mischa Auer, Arthur Hoyt, Tyrell Davis, Nella Walker and Will Davidson are also prominently cast. Frank Tuttle directed this picture from Horace Jackson's screen play adapted from the popular novel of the same name by Paul Hervoy Fox.

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and effort which the committee has voluntarily given toward the reorganization of the bank. The trustees appointed by the depositors committee regard their task as a civic affair, and with the assistance of men of their calibre, we feel absolutely confident that it will be only a short time until the First National can resume normal operations. Mr. Post concluded.

"42d Street" Comes To Torrance Theatre

Coming next week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, to the Torrance Theatre is the show that everyone is waiting for, "42d Street," with Warner Baxter and Bebe Daniels in the leading roles.

The show with its tuneful melodies, its interesting glimpses of "back stage" business, its laugh-provoking lines and its interwoven affairs of the heart, holds attention from beginning to end.

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